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PRESIDENT: If you favor the second Goodrich amendment vote aye, if not vote no. You are voting on Senator Goodrich's second amendment. Are you all through voting? Clerk will

(End Belt #4A)

(Starr Belt #5A)

record. Read the totals.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 22 nays.

PRESIDENT: The second Goodrich motion and amendment is lost.

CLERK: NOW, Mr. President I move to amend 834 on page 2, line 25. (read)

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move for the adoption of the amendment. I think we're confronted with a dual problem. It's my understanding now that 977 and in the generally accepted sense of the word is the Governor's recommendation. And I think we have the position to either take the risk of having him veto this bill as a reason, if that's his reason, rather than to not sign it. Now the Governor is rather an adamant man at times. And I feel a little uncomfortable probably in suggesting that you consider what he has said to you in this particular case. After all the break is about the area of three dependents. And it seems to me that for the sake of security. In the final analysis we better consider substituting 970 for this bill in whatever form it might be. Because I'm a little bit fearful without any reason. And I am not unsympathetic with ADC. I don't think anybody can say that honestly. But I want to be sure that when it gets over there, because this is the last chance anybody is going to have in order to help these people. Now getting back to the amendment which is only a prelude to what I've just said. I think everybody is concerned about whether or not we are giving these people enough to live on. And the poverty level is supposed to have been arrived at and fixed by those who are probably better qualified than anybody in this body is to determine that. Now we're not asking for the poverty level, we are asking for 10% less than the poverty level. And of course, that would be arrived at by the agency of the United State Office of Economic Opportunity. Now it seems to me that we have one of two choices. Is to really consider raises this to 90%, rather than whatever it might be, 70 or 75%, I don't think anybody really knows, at least I don't. And see what the reaction to the body is to that because I'm sure everybody here, if we thought we could do it, without any opposition from the standpoint of the money involved by the Governor of this state, which has his own responsibilities and exercise it very frequently, as to what he thinks we ought to do. Now if you don't want to adopt this amendment, which I recommend that you do adopt, then I think when you get through with the consideration of this bill, I'm going to make a motion to substitute 970 for this bill, because then, and only then, insofar as I've been able to find out. Do we have the Governor